4. AA-ON/5	2
5. AA-ON/6	2
6. AA-ON/7	2
7. AAP-ON-94/1	2
8. AAP-ON-94/2	2
9. ARP-ON-92/3	1
10. CR-ON-90/1	3
11. BB-OS-90/3	1
12. BB-OS/8	3
13. CY-OS/4	1
14. KG-OS/5	1
15. KG-ON/1	3
16. RJ-ON-90/2	2
17. RJ-ON-94/1	1
18. RJ-ON-94/2	2
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Government of India has approved award of contracts for the following blocks:—

1. AA-ON/4
2. AA-ON/6
3. AAP-ON-94/1
4. AA-ON/7
5. CR-ON-90/1
6. BB-OS/8
7. KG-ON/1

Joint Venture Exploration Round

Under this round 28 exploration blocks were offered in March, 1995. 22 bids were received for 7 blocks by last date of 15.9.1995 as under:—

Blocks	Number of bids received
1. AA-ONJ-1	1
2. AA-ONJ-2	1
3. ASM-ONJ-94/1	6
4. GK-OSJ-1	1
5. GK-OSJ-3	2
6. JM-ONJ-1	2
7. RJ-ONJ-94/9	9
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Government of India has approved award of contracts for the following blocks:—

1. RJ-ONJ-94/1
2. JM-ONJ-1
3. AA-ONJ2
4. GK-OSJ-1
5. GK-OSJ-3

Settlement of Pension cases of Retired Employees of Uttar Pradesh

2122. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are taking any action to get the pension of retired employees of Uttar Pradesh, whch is under President's rule, settled without delay;

(b) whether Government have not directed the concerned Department of Uttar Pradesh Government to redress the grievances of pensioners; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Agreement for Japanese-Loan for MRTS

2123. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with Japan for a soft loan for the capital's Mass Rapid Transit system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost thereof; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U.